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## HOLLOWED HISTORY DUGOUT CANOE FROM 1600s DISPLAYED AT OLD TOWN HALL

he Bloomington Historical Society is currently displaying a 16-foot dugout canoe believed to have been used by Oneota and Dakota Indian tribes hundreds of years ago.

The canoe was brought to the Historical Society by Bloomington farmer and historian George Hopkins, who found the canoe partially buried in mud on his

property along the Minnesota River Valley in 1967.

In the 1600s, dugout canoes, made of basswood, cottonwood or soft maple tree logs, were used by the Plains Indians when birch wood was scarce.

The Plains Indians used primitive stone tools, bone knives and sharp clamshells to hollow and shape a canoe. Chisels, knives and pickaxes

were used when iron tools became available. Fire was used to hollow out a log. A canoe was then dried and oiled before it was ready to launch.

This particular dugout canoe was restored with the help of donations from Bloomington resident Gil Williams and Olson Middle School students, who raised \$1,000.

The canoe is on display at Old Town Hall, 10200 Penn Avenue South. The museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, noon - 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m.

## WHAT'S DEVELOPING? Breaking new ground in Bloomington

evelopment projects renew a community, keeping its businesses and neighborhoods healthy and stable. To foster renewal, the City anticipates the future needs of the community and conducts long-term planning to ensure Bloomington continues to thrive.

In what may be a harbinger that better economic times lie ahead, Bloomington development is picking up with a number of new businesses, hotels, restaurants, housing and academic institutions in development around town.

These are just a few examples of the new developments in Bloomington.

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: DEVELOPMENT MAP.

#### **NEW BUSINESSES**



#### Radisson Blu

Construction is slated to begin in early 2011 on the 12-story Radisson Blu Hotel at Mall of America. The hotel will be situated on the south side of the mall between Macy's and Bloomingdale's

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and will connect to the mall via a sky bridge. The hotel will have 501 rooms. CVS/pharmacy

A 12,900-square-foot CVS/ pharmacy was approved for the northwest corner of Lyndale Avenue and 90th Street. The redevelopment replaces three commercial buildings currently on the site. Construction will begin in spring 2011.

#### Cowboy Jack's restaurant

Construction is underway for the repurposing of the former Steak & Ale restaurant on 2801 Southtown Drive. The vacant property will soon be home to Cowboy Jack's Saloon.

### **SENIOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES**



#### Wealshire of Bloomington

A two-phase, 130-bed, memory care facility, Wealshire of Bloomington, 10601 Lyndale Avenue South, broke ground in August. The first phase of 56 units is under construction. Wealshire is a facility designed exclusively for people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. Phase one units are expected to be ready to occupy early in 2011.

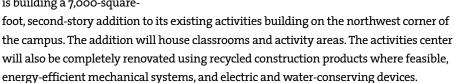
#### Founders Ridge

Founders Ridge will include a mix of 240 independent, assisted living and memory care units. Located on the Bethany Fellowship campus on Auto Club Road, Founders Ridge includes four phases centered around a twostory town center. The town center will contain a theater, auditorium, chapel and fitness center.

#### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

#### **Kopp Center** at Normandale **Community College**

Normandale Community College (NCC) is building a 7,000-square-



#### Academic Partnership Center at Normandale Community College

NCC has submitted an application to construct a new 76,000-square-foot, threestory academic building just northwest of the Kopp Student Center. The new addition will include classrooms, lecture halls, conference rooms and faculty offices.

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#### Top Honors **CITY WINS BIG IN NATIONAL** COMPETITION

he City of Bloomington brought home three awards from this year's City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) national competition honoring the best in government communications. The City was honored with the first-place Savvy award for its internal newsletter, the *Insider*, and the second-place Silver Circle Award for the Briefing. The City received a third-place Award of Excellence for its Corporate Report to the Community.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: AWARDS.



#### SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS It's holiday art sale time

Bloomington Theatre and Art Center's Gifts in the Gallery holiday art sale features hand-crafted gifts created by local artists. The event takes place in the Inez Greenberg Gallery at Civic Plaza, December 8 - 22.

#### **FUTURE LEADERS** YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT

et together with your peers for the third annual Youth Leadership Retreat, Friday, February 18, 3 - 8 p.m., at Civic Plaza. Last year more than 100 Bloomington young adults attended. Look for more information on the 2011 retreat in the February Briefing.

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